# YOU BELONG HERE LifeGroup Discussion Guide

# Week 2 - I will share the responsibility of my church

### How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the discussion questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Do you view our church as a family? In what ways do you see the church function as a family?
- Read Ephesians 4:11-16 Is this a good illustration of how our church functions? Have you ever been in a church where the pastor was expected to do everything because he was paid to do the ministry?
- Do you view yourself as a spectator or participant in our local church? What keeps people from participating in ministry?
- What are some ways that we can help people take their next step in their spiritual journey? How can each member take personal responsibility to help others?
- Cornerstone is focused on helping people grow in three areas. Their relationship to God (experiencing new life in Christ), Their relationship with others (equipped to follow Christ), and their relationship to the world (engaging our community and world for Christ) Think about the three relationships in your own life. Which is your biggest struggle?
- Have you ever thought about the importance of praying for our church and our leadership? Prayer is one of
  the most important, yet most neglected responsibilities of church members. Will you commit to spending at
  least 5 minutes each day praying for others in our church? What are some ways that you can remember to
  pray? Share with the group your ideas.
- Have you ever visited a church where you didn't know anybody? How did you feel? What made you
  comfortable or uncomfortable? Was the church friendly? Now apply this to Cornerstone. How can we be
  more welcoming and friendly to those who visit and are new to our church?
- Go to <a href="https://www.mycornerstone.org/next">www.mycornerstone.org/next</a> to learn about ways you can grow in the three relationships discussed above. Develop a Spiritual Growth Plan and share it with your group or one of the elders of the church. This is a great way we can help each other grow.
- · What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?
- · What did God say to you today through His Word? And what are you going to do about it!

## **Next Steps**

Read through the membership and elder responsibilities included in the bulletin today. During the fourth week of this series, you will have the opportunity to become a member at Cornerstone. We invite you to become part of our family here at Cornerstone. You can find a place to belong, and a place to use your gifts. Together, we want to grow as disciples. As we experience new life in Christ, we learn how to be equipped to follow Christ,

# **Experience - Equip - Engage**

# I will share the responsibility of my church

- ... by praying for its ministry, its leaders, and its members
- ... by making personal evangelism and discipleship a priority in my life
- ... by warmly welcoming those who visit